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In re Application of: :
Awajiya et al. : LETTER REGARDING
Application No. 10/500789 : PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
Filing or 371(c) Date: 04/11/2005 :
Atty. Docket No.: 04433/LH :

This letter is in response to the "LETTER REGARDING PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT," filed April 1, 2009. The Office thanks applicants for their good faith and candor in bringing this to our attention.

The Office has updated the PAIR screen to reflect that the correct Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) determination at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is 481 days. A copy of the updated PAIR screen, showing the correct determination, is enclosed.

The Determination of Patent Term Adjustment mailed March 26, 2009 indicated that the above-identified application was entitled to a PTA of 519 days. Applicants do not dispute the adjustment to date of 519 days. Instead, applicants indicate that the adjustment of 519 days may extend the term of the patent by too many days and direct the Office's attention to the December 1, 2008 submission.

A review of the record reveals that the Office errantly neglected to assess a reduction of 38 days in accordance with 37 CFR 1.704(c)(8) in connection with the reply filed December 1, 2008. The reduction commenced October 25, 2008, the day after the date that the initial reply was filed, and ended December 1, 2008, the date that the supplemental reply (Letter) was filed.

In view thereof, the correct determination of patent term adjustment at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is **481 days**, (575 days of PTO delay, reduced by 94 days of applicant delay), subject to any terminal disclaimer.

Given the basis for granting this petition, no fee has been charged. The Office thanks applicants for their candor and good faith in bringing this matter to the attention of the Office.

The file is being forwarded to the Office of Data Management for processing into a patent. The patent term adjustment indicated on the patent (as shown on the Issue Notification mailed about three weeks prior to patent issuance) will include any additional adjustment accrued both for Office delay in issuing the patent more than four months after payment of the issue fee and satisfaction of all outstanding requirements, and for the Office taking in excess of three years to issue the patent (to the extent that the three-year period does not overlap with periods already accorded).

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to Attorney Derek Woods, at (571) 272-3232.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alesia Brown', is positioned above the printed name.

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for Patent Examination Policy

Enclosure: Updated PAIR Screen

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PTA Calculations for Application: 10/500789

Application Filing Date:	04/11/2005	PTO Delay (PTO):	575
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	56
Post-Issue Petitions:	0	Total PTA (days):	481
PTO Delay Adjustment:	-38		

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